

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MATT BRAINARD**, on February 12, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Toni Hagener, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Allan Walters, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Bill Tash (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch
Karen Mills, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s): HB 496, 502, 494, HJR 18, 2/12/1999
Executive Action: 502, 241, 244, 359, 362, 383,
496,
Dates Posted: 2/4/99, 2/4/99, 2/4/99

HEARING ON HB 496

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. AUBYN CURTIS

EXHIBIT(sth35a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 1}

Proponents' Testimony:

LANCE MELTON, General Counsel for Mont.School Boards Assoc.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1 - 5.2}

Opponents' Testimony:

ERIC FEAVER, MEA/FTA

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.4 - 7.3}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.8 - 8.7}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. AUBYN CURTIS

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.8 - 8.9}

HEARING ON HB 502

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. CAROLYN SQUIRES

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.6 - 14.2}

Proponents' Testimony:

SEN. TOM BECK,

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.3 - 15.6}

REP. M. MENAHAN,

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.8 - 18.8}

TOM SCHNEIDER, Mont. PEA

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19 - 22.1}

SAM BARTEL, ASME

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.2 - 22.7}

JOHN MCEWAN, Admin. of State Sec. Div. **EXHIBIT**(sth35a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.8 - 23.3}

MIKE O'CONNOR, PERS

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.3 - 24.2}

INGA NELSON, MEA/MFTA

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.2 - 24.6}

DAN ANDERSON, Dept. of Health and Human Services

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.6 - 25.4}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.8 - 30.3}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. CAROLYN SQUIRES

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30.3 - 30.9}

HEARING ON HB 502

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. KARL OHS

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.2 - 4.8}

Proponents' Testimony:

REP. LARRY GRINDE

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.9 - 6}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

JOE KERWIN, Sec. of State for Elections **EXHIBIT**(sth35a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.4 - 8.1}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.3 - 20.3}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. KARL OHS

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.4 - 21}

HEARING ON HJR 18

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. TOM FACEY

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.7 - 24.2}

Proponents' Testimony:

LEE ARBUCKLE, League of Women Voters **EXHIBIT**(sth35a04)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.3 - 29}

PAT LIGHT, Rep. of City of Helena/Carroll College-Dir. of
Informational Technology
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 2.5}

CRAIG SWEET, Mont. PERG **EXHIBIT**(sth35a05)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3 - 8.6}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.3 - 14.9}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. TOM FACEY
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15 - 15.4}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 502

Motion: REP. HEDGES moved HB 502 DO PASS
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.7 - 15.8}

Discussion:
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.9 - 17.9}

Motion: REP. MANGAN moved HB 502 be amended to read on Pg. 3,
line 6, "The written material must be prepared in the font and
type style required by the sec. of state.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.9 - 18}

Motion: The motion carried 16-0.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18 - 18.5}

Discussion:
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19 - 21}

Motion/Vote: REP. BRAINARD MOVED HB 502 DO PASS AS AMENDED;
The motion carried 16-0; unanimous. No proxy vote.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 22}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 241

Motion: REP. RYAN moved HB 241 DO PASS.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22 - 23.3}

Discussion:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.3 - 24.1}

Motion: REP. RYAN made a motion to amend HB 241; change to voting electronically, not by E-Mail.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.1 - 24.6}

Discussion:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.6 - 27.1}

Motion/Vote: REP. WAGNER moved DO PASS on amendment; motion carried 16-0.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.1 - 27.9}

Motion: REP. RYAN moved HB 241 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.9 - 28.5}

Discussion:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.5 - 32}

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 3.3}

Vote: The motion carried 16-1; REP. ADAMS voting no.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.3 - 3.5}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 244

Motion: REP. HAGENER moved HB 244 DO PASS.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.5 - 3.8}

Discussion:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.8 - 17}

Motion: REP. BRAINARD moved HB 244 be amended; limitation of 3 months of employment--conceptual amendment.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 17.1}

Discussion:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.3 - 30}

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 1.1}

Substitute Motion: REP. BRAINARD moved to amend to six months; then revert back to text before change; putting a cap on the reimbursement.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.2 - 2}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2 - 2.1}

Motion: REP. MANGAN moved to hold the bill until Monday, Feb. 15, 1999, to see how amendment will be written/worded.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.2 - 2.4}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.4 - 6.8}

Motion: REP. TASH moved HB 244 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.8 - 9}

Substitute Motion/Vote: REP. WAGNER moved to table HB 244; motion carried 16-1.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10 - 11}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 359

Motion: REP. HAGENER moved DO PASS on HB 359

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.8 - 11.9}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.9 - 20.0}

Motion/Vote: REP. LINDEEN moved to table HB 359; motion carried 15-2. REPS. MANGAN AND WALTERS voting NO.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20 - 21}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 362

Motion: REP. WALTER moved HB 362 DO PASS.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.2 - 21.5}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.6 - 21.9}

Vote: The motion carried 17-0; unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22 - 22.4}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 383

Motion: REP. MANGAN moved a DO PASS on HB 383.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.6 - 23}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.2 - 24}

Motion/Vote: REP. CLARK moved TO TABLE HB 383; motion carried 12-5 with REPS. RYAN, MANGAN, HAGENER, DELL AND LINDEEN voting NO.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.7 - 24.8}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 496

Motion: REP. WALTERS moved DO PASS on HB 496.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.1 - 25.5}

Discussion:

REP. MANGAN moved HB 496 be amended.

Discussion:

REP. MANGAN made a motion to withdraw his amendment.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.7 - 29.6}

Motion: REP. DELL moved to table HB 496; motion carried 15-2 with REPS. ADAMS AND WAGNER voting No.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.6 - 32}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:26 A.M.

REP. MATT BRAINARD, Chairman

KAREN MILLS, Secretary

MB/KM

EXHIBIT (sth35aad)